



# Surfside Town Gazette

January 2008



## Happy New Year!



### Mayor's View



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I extend my heartfelt good wishes to each of you for a happy and healthy New

Year. Although things slowed down somewhat during the holidays I want to take some time to talk to you about an issue that relates to Surfside, but also has Statewide ramifications. Meanwhile, here's what's been happening in Town – apparently a significant amount of snow  
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### Meet Surfside's Interim Town Manager, Pamela Brangaccio



Surfside's top administrator, Pamela Brangaccio

A hearty welcome is extended to Ms. Pamela Brangaccio, who has agreed to serve as Surfside's Interim Town Manager. Pam, as she likes to be called, was until recently, Broward County's top Administrator. She supervised over 6,000 employees and administered a \$3 Billion Annual budget. She currently serves on the International City and County Management Association (ICMA) Credentialing Advisory Board and has been past President of the Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA).

Ms. Brangaccio attended the 11th Commission meeting and

indicated that since her departure from Broward County in November, she has been reviewing her options regarding the direction  
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### ELECTION NOTICE



The Town's Commission election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008. In this election, each candidate will be running for a specific seat.

The seats are as follows:

Mayoral Seat:	Charles W. Burkett, IV
Seat # 1	Howard S. Weinberg
Seat # 2	Marc Imberman
Seat # 3	Steven Levine
Seat # 4	Mark Blumstein

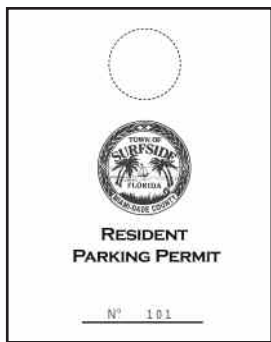
The qualifying period for this election is from Wednesday, January 23, 2008 to Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

Candidate packages are available from the Town Clerk during the qualifying period. Any candidate who wishes to run for office must identify the seat he or she wishes to run for and submit a completed candidate package by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk at (305) 861-4863.

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Application forms and free metered parking permits for all Town residents are available at Town Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## FREE METERED PARKING UPDATE

Previously issued permits were not automatically renewed. To continue in the parking pass program, please visit Town Hall to re-register your vehicle, complete a new application form, and obtain a current pass.

To obtain a permit, Surfsiders are required to bring an acceptable proof of residency and their license plate num-

ber. Proof of acceptable residency examples include, but are not limited to:

- A current driver's license with Surfside address
- Water bill
- Property tax bill
- Rental or lease agreement

If you have any questions, please call (305) 861-4863 to obtain further information.

## Surfside Employees' Holiday Fund

It is the pleasure of Town Hall employees to serve, and work, with all the Surfside residents and business owners throughout the year. We wish to acknowledge everyone who so generously contributed to the 2007 Holiday Fund, and extend our sincerest gratitude to the members of the Surfside Civic Association Holiday Fund Committee **Julia Magnani, Paul Yavis, and Elizabeth Brilliant** for their tireless efforts on our behalf. *We thank you for making our holiday even brighter!*

Celia Alessandrini  
Jose & Carmen Almirall  
Dulce Alvarez & Family  
Oscar & Encarnacion Arce  
The Ascanio Family  
Gloria Asher  
Angel Avedo  
Edward & Susana Averbach  
Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Bakalchuk  
Pieter & Shirley Bakker  
Laurence Baldwin  
Ethel Berens & Thea Joy Barg  
Marion & Arthur Baumann  
Godoy Becker  
Alina Bengio  
Bryna & Sheri Berman  
Henry & Rosanna Bernstein  
The Bershad Family  
Rene & Rose Betancourt  
Margarita Bichachi  
Herbert & Claire Block  
Jacob & Linda Brafman  
Pamela Mishkin & Nick Branstator  
Aram Brazilian Jr.  
Donald & Tiffany Cannava  
Carmen Capote  
Luis & Anarda Castex  
Miguel & Maria Chailosky  
Aron & Silvia Cigelman  
John Cimo  
Sergio & Tania Clavijo  
Barbara & Louis Cohen  
Ilene Weinman Cohen  
Michael, Dawn & Travis Cohen  
Myer Cohen  
Clarence Courtley  
Howard Telesnick & Phyllis Crane  
Ramiro & Maria Cubas  
Harry & Adela Curcuruto  
Linda Daniel & Aida Diaz

Pat & Marianne Durante  
Charles Eldredge  
Sherry Ulsh & Craig Ellixson  
Edythe Elson  
Luis & Yita Entenberg  
Omar & Thais Ergui  
David & Esther Farin  
Joshua & Shoshana Feingold-Studnick  
Arthur & Linda Fernandez  
Victor & Concepcion Fonseca  
Edward Plummer & Linda Forrest  
Dr. Sylvan Frieman & May Frieman  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Fuhrman  
Jeannette Gato  
Gladys Gerson  
Adam Gibb  
Raul Ginobal  
Charles Lunsford & Ed Gomez  
Bolivar & Elsie Gomez  
Fernando & Ana Gomez  
Carmen Gonzalez  
Alan & Karen Gorme  
Robert Grayson, M.D.  
Alfonso & Julieta Grenier  
Sergio & Sophia Grobler  
Harry, Mary & Emma Guss  
Jorge & Sabine Gutierrez  
David Helmle  
Lori Scott & John Hennelly  
Mr. & Mrs. Hoke  
Marc & Kathy Imberman  
Marvin Jacker  
Sam & Lily Jurkevich  
Giorgos & Robin Karakousis  
Scott & Gloria Kass  
Hal & Roberta Kaye  
Angel & Josefina Kerbel  
Howard & Helga Kinsey  
Harold & Thelma Millen  
& Charles Koch

Michael Kouliche  
Robert & Beatrice Krantz  
Thomas Krasner  
Jack & Elise Kratish  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Krause  
Jarry Krivak  
Philip & Anne Krupnikoff  
The Dietch & Kulvin Family  
The Kummala Family  
Leopoldo & Adelaida Ladaga  
Andree & Rolande Lehmann  
Abraham Levine  
Stuart & Frances Liberman  
Danya Lindendorf  
Henrietta Logan  
Nicholas Lombardo  
Larry Mager, D.D.S.  
Penny & Larry Mager  
Leonardo & Raquel Maiman  
Elida Mangan  
Marta Martin  
Frances & Arturo Martinez  
Victor & Estrella Maya  
Alba Lucia Maya  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mayo  
Jim & Barbara McLaughlin  
John & Kimberly Millerick  
Jaime & Esther Mitrani  
Edmundo Molina  
Barbel Morlock  
Gabrielle & Christian Moscona  
Joel, Rene & Beth Navratik  
Marena Leon & Jorge Nogue  
Norman's Women's Apparel  
Maria Oliver  
Lorenzo & Maria Luiza Onichini  
Peter Battye & Danilo Ong  
Neofit Oprikov  
Geraldine & Susan Ossakow  
Brenda Barfield & Harry Pernick

Carlos & Donna Planas  
Thomas & Nancy Pletcher  
Rhalda Prystowsky  
Ramon Puig  
Pedro & Narcia Rajo  
Shelley Rindner  
Anthony Rodriguez  
Boris & Jeanne Rosen  
Selma Rosenberg  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rosenstein  
Simon & Hilda Rozen  
Nicoletta Rutt  
Melvyn Schlessler  
Carlos & Clara Seage  
The Senker Family  
Sidney & Mary Silber  
Mark & Gail Slatko  
Dr. P.C. Slutzker  
Janet Spector  
Renee Spector  
Leon & Sylvia Steinfeld  
George & Violet Storer  
Norman & Madeleine Superstein  
Israel & Frida Szlapak  
Jose & Elena Tellez  
Isaak & Ida Tomshinsky  
Pilar Torres-Bernal  
Robert Toth  
Alberto & Raquel Tuati  
William & Ketherine Tufariello  
Anastasios Varkatzas  
The Vichot Family  
Marguerite Von Borsig  
Roberta Hope Waller  
Reinaldo & Arleen Winer  
Fred & Janie Zaleski  
Maxime & Lenore Zalstein

*Please note that if your name does not appear, the list is complete up until the newsletter publishing deadline of Dec. 13, 2007. Any additional contributors will be acknowledged in future issues of the Gazette. If you have any further questions, please contact the Surfside Civic Association President, Julia Magnani, at (305) 864-6645 or via email [julesba1@yahoo.com](mailto:julesba1@yahoo.com).*



# Surfside Commission Highlights



## 1. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager stated that the Police Chief, Dave Allen, had distributed copies of the monthly Surfside Police Department Activity Report.

The Manager reported to the Commission that subsequent to the Nov. 13th Commission Meeting the Town began advertising the Town Manager position in several professional publications, as well as with the Florida League of Cities and the Florida County/City Managers Association. Nine responses were received and reviewed. The Town Manager personally met with one particular candidate, Pamela Brangaccio, who was most recently County Manager for Broward County and had an extensive background in both City and County management throughout Florida. Based upon her qualifications the Town Manager recommended to the Commission that they direct him and/or the Town Attorney to negotiate a contract for Ms. Brangaccio, to serve as Surfside's Interim Town Manager.

In early December, the Town Manager indicated that he had made arrangements for holiday decorations at Town Hall pursuant to Commission direction at the Nov. 27th Commission Meeting. The amount for the decorations exceeded his authority; however, he received approval from three members of the Commission to proceed. He presented the invoice from Brandano Displays, Inc., in the amount of \$9,930.58 and it was unanimously ratified by the Commission.

Pursuant to Commission direction the Town Manager stated that he had reviewed the costs associated with operating the Building Department. The audited records for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2006 reflected a

short fall in associated permit fees of \$132,000. The Building Department required \$306,000 to operate during FY 2006. As such, the General Fund, essentially Ad-Valorem Taxes had to subsidize the \$132,000 short fall in permit fees. The Manager told the Commission that he would continue to analyze the current operating costs and would return to the Commission with recommendations to the Building Permit Fees. The recommendations will reflect fees consistent with the industry and neighboring communities.

### The following Ordinances were adopted on Second Reading:

2. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the Code to create Chapter 75 "Naming, Renaming, Co-Designation, of Municipal Roads, Facilities or Properties; providing for severability, providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: 4-1 (with Mayor Burkett dissenting)**

3. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, replacing Section 90-180 entitled "Temporary Signs"; providing for repeal of conflicting provision; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

### The following Resolutions were approved:

4. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2007/2008 police confiscation fund expenditure in the amount of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

5. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside,

Florida, providing for the approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police; authorizing the Town Manager to execute the collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Town; authorizing the Town Manager to take all action necessary to implement the collective bargaining agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: 4-1 (with Commissioner Blumstein dissenting, citing for the record he did not have enough time to review the document before the meeting to make an informed vote)**

### In other matters...

The Commission voted to appoint former Broward County Manager Pam Brangaccio as the Interim Town Manager.

The Commission recognized the 2nd Citizen's Police Academy Class Graduates.

Surfside Police Officer Joaquin Polanco was named as Officer of the Month for December.

Amy W. Adams, Principal, Cape Canaveral Scientific, Inc. gave a presentation to the Commission regarding leveraging grants for the Town of Surfside.

Ralph A. Barba, MBA/CFO, Enviro Waste Services Group, Inc. gave a presentation to the Commission regarding Lateral Service Line Inspection and Lining.

The Town Attorney and the Town Planner gave a brief report regarding the status of FEMA issues.

The Town Attorney and the Town Planner gave a brief report regarding the status of EAR/Comp Plan Amendments.

**The Town Commission is currently seeking a Surfside resident, who is a licensed Florida ARCHITECT to serve on the Design Review Committee. For further information, please contact the Town Clerk at (305) 861-4863.**



## SURFSIDE LIBRARY

**Storytime:** is cancelled for the month of January.

*For your reading pleasure...*

### ADULT BOOKS:

#### Fiction:

- A Much Married Man: a Novel **by Nicholas Coleridge**
- Invisible Prey **by John Sandford**
- Creation in Death **by J.D. Robb** (Nora Roberts)
- Double Cross: a Novel **by James Patterson**
- Murder on K Street: a Capital Crimes Novel **by Margaret Truman**



#### Non-fiction:

- Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America 1789 -1989 **by Michael Beschloss**
- Microtrends: the Small Forces Behind Tomorrow's Big Changes: **by Mark J. Penn with E. Kinney Zalesne**
- The Elephant and the Dragon: The Rise of India and China and What It Means for All of Us **by Robyn Meredith**

### CHILDRENS' BOOKS:

- Diary of a Fly **by Doreen Cronin** (easy reader)
- Quiet, There's a Canary in the Library **by Don Freeman** (easy reader)
- Emma's Turtle **by Eve Bunting** (easy reader)
- Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One **by Judy Blume** (junior fiction)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site: A MyReportLinks.com Book **by Wim Coleman and Pat Perrin** (junior non-fiction)
- Dinosaur Jokes compiled **by Pam Rosenberg** (junior non-fiction)
- J. Rooker, Manatee told by Jan Haley



#### DVD's & Video's

Catch and Release • Dreamgirls • The Nanny Diaries  
Meet the Robinsons • Dora the Explorer: Puppy Power! • The Jungle Book



**The Library will be CLOSED: Mon., Jan. 21 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day**

## THREE ENERGY SAVING TIPS FROM THE GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



#### *Did you know?*

The refrigerator is the biggest energy consumer in most houses. Keep it set between 38°F and 42°F and the freezer between 0°F and 5°F to save energy.



#### *Did you know?*

Shopping for energy-efficient appliances like ovens, refrigerators, washers and dryers may cost more initially but they save money on your energy and water bills and therefore pay for themselves in the long run. EnergyStar™ appliances are certified to be more energy-efficient.



#### *Did you know?*

You could redeem FREE low flow shower heads from Miami-Dade County and reduce gallons per minute by up to 6.5.



## SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB



The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. The book selection is “**Out Stealing Horses: A Novel**” by Per Petterson. Join other Surfside readers for fun and lively discussion. Please be sure to confirm date, time, and place by contacting Kim at: kimjo614@the-beach.net

*In this quiet but compelling novel, Trond Sander, a widower nearing seventy, moves to a bare house in remote eastern Norway, seeking the life of quiet contemplation that he has always longed for. A chance encounter with a neighbor—the brother, as it happens, of his childhood friend Jon—causes him to ruminate on the summer of 1948, the last he spent with his adored father, who abandoned the family soon afterward.*



## Education Committee Update



### Meet Your Neighbor and Speaker Series:

**Do you know someone you would like to recognize in our community??? Parents, do you have topics you might be interested in for the Speaker Series???** The Education Committee welcomes your suggestions for future Meet your Neighbor profiles or Speaker Series events. Please email your ideas to Lea Coto at Cotolea@aol.com.

### New Education Committee Meeting Date:

Wed, Jan 9, 2008

## TOURIST BUREAU EVENTS Happy New Year!

Last year was a busy one for the Surfside Tourist Bureau. We hope you were able to attend the concerts and events we presented for the enjoyment of the residents, and to bring visitors to the community. Many people who never visited Surfside before were charmed by our “small town” atmosphere. The Tourist Bureau’s “On the Beach” series, with food courts that feature local restaurant menus, are ambitious undertakings, but well worth the effort when families and friends can gather together to spend an afternoon in the sun and surf.

As the new year begins, the Bureau will be busy moving into its new location in the Harding Avenue commercial district. The Visitor Center will provide information about our Town and its local businesses and services, including brochures, maps and pamphlets for local attractions. Something new and exciting will be added in the storefront location. A custom designed line of Surfside branded merchandise and souvenir products will be on display for sale.

A new Surfside Business Directory is in the works. It will be a comprehensive listing of Surfside businesses and services, and opportunities for advertising in the directory will be available. The directories are distributed domestically and worldwide, at travel shows and conferences. We continue to get positive feedback to the “Shop, Dine, Relax” banners that welcome drivers going north and south through town.

The next fantastic production is “MUSIC ON THE BEACH”, scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2008. It will be a combination of tropical and Latin music, a little salsa, a little tango, and a few surprises. See you there!

### Meet Surfside’s Interim...

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of the next phase of her professional career. This is why she was available to

assume the Manager position for a limited time frame. She brings a wealth of experience to the Town of Surfside, and is looking forward to assisting the Town through this transition period. She will ensure the continuity of administrative

operations and will serve on a soon to be established blue ribbon panel who will participate in the search for, and recommendation of, a permanent Town Manager to the new Commission.

## Mayor's View

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appeared behind our Community Center, which Surfside kids, from top to bottom of the snow pile, thoroughly enjoyed! I also expect as I write this in December, that area residents and visitors will gather at the Community Center to celebrate the beginning of 2008. It's great when we all get the opportunity to get together for terrific events.

## A NEW INTERIM MANAGER

The Town Manager was scheduled to leave on December 14th, therefore, at our last commission meeting, the results of a search for a temporary replacement were shared with Surfside's elected officials. There were many very interesting applications, but one stood out for several reasons. Pamela Brangaccio, the recent, former County Manager for Broward County (\$3.9 Billion budget vs. our \$12 Million budget), offered to guide us through the transition until a new and permanent Manager for Surfside could be hired. Pamela generously offered to assume the same monthly compensation package as was given to previous Manager W.D. Higginbotham for the few months she would be with us. Further, she also advised us that if at any point we wished to bring in someone else in the capacity of Manager, prior to the election of the new Commission, that she would be OK with that and would step aside with 30 days notice. Hard for any of us to say no to that arrangement!

While the loss of W.D. could have had significant negative repercussions with the continuity in Town and our many ongoing projects, he has, in likely his most important final act, arranged for and placed the Town in extremely competent hands whilst we search for a new and permanent Town Manager.

## PROPERTY TAXES

Recently you may have read some of my thoughts on our "out of control" property taxes in the newspapers. As a Mayor, homeowner and businessman,

I've listened to our residents, my neighbors and my associates' cries for relief. I use the word cries, because complaints just doesn't really describe how frustrated people are. While I've tried to do my part as Mayor in reducing property taxes by bringing down the Surfside fraction of your tax bill by almost 25%, it's small relative to the bigger picture. Currently, this is approximately how your tax bill breaks down and how much you pay towards the following Governmental agencies with the few percentage points going to various other State entities:

**Funding the entire Town of Surfside: 21%**

**Funding Dade County: 36%**

**Funding the School Board: 40%**

According to reports, average population growth in Florida from 2001 to 2006 has risen by around 20%, however average Governmental revenues and budgets have exploded by more than SIX times or approaching 120% of that amount in the same time period.

Those of us with the "save our homes" cap may feel that this debate doesn't effect us, but a closer look says otherwise. While we're lucky to have relatively lower taxes, what happens to someone looking to buy our home? Exactly! For many or most buyers, the new and astronomic tax bill that comes along with the new sales price of our home makes our residence very much less affordable vis-à-vis the higher tax bill and then inevitably, the sales price is the first thing to suffer. Next, our home's not selling and we become the next casualty of the property tax crisis and on and on it goes.

Simply, Government spending at all levels is out of control! In Surfside, we've done our best to control most spending, but need to do even more!

Meanwhile our leaders in Tallahassee have promised relief and have put out a plan that will give the average Floridian homeowner just over \$200 in savings off of their property tax bill? For most, that offer is laughable. In Surfside alone, we knocked almost \$1,000 off

our residents' property tax bill (for an average \$600,000 home) as a result of our tax cuts here in Town!

In contrast to the extremely weak offer above from our State leaders, I have been reviewing all of the recent proposals and have found one that I believe takes a first step and begins to address the problem. It preserves the save our homes cap for those who have it, maintains all exemptions and caps the maximum tax rate at 1.35%. As an example, in Surfside the combined tax (as outlined above) is now over 2.00% and would be reduced to 1.35% under this plan, a meaningful reduction.

Please take a moment and visit [www.cutpropertytaxesnow.com](http://www.cutpropertytaxesnow.com) and find out more about the property tax crisis, how you can help and how we can begin to fix it! Remember if we don't do something, it just won't get done.

## BITS AND PIECES

Recently there have been some interesting proposals and here's a sampling. One, put on the agenda by a Commissioner, was the naming of public buildings, streets, parks, etc. While the effort to organize a process by which these things can be named is good, the majority felt that putting names on public places should be the prerogative of the five elected officials on the dais and not by vote of the electorate, I disagreed.

Vice Mayor Weinberg has been extremely productive for our Town in working with our grant writer. It looks like the big check awarded last month will only be the beginning and we will continue our work in order to receive more funding for projects like acquiring more parkland and upgrading our facilities. Congratulations on your great work Howard!

That's all for now. As always, please call or write me with your thoughts. I am here to serve all Surfside residents and to make sure that our Government works for you.

All the best,  
Charlie

## BUSINESS DISTRICT NEWS

The Town of Surfside, in conjunction with Waste Services, Inc. is pleased to announce that beginning the week of Dec. 10, 2007 a Pilot Cardboard Recycling Program commenced for the business district. For the merchants' convenience, containers have been placed throughout the Harding Avenue alleyways. Pickup is scheduled on Tuesday of each week.

- Cardboard should be clean, dry and free of all packaging materials such as Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap. Remember to flatten the cardboard boxes to maximize the container space.
- Cardboard has two layers of sturdy paper with an "s" shaped ridge in the middle. Shoe boxes and cereal boxes are not cardboard.



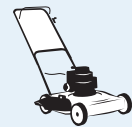
**Thank you for recycling!**



*During the 2008 Surfside General Election period, candidates, residents, and business owners are reminded of the following Signage Ordinances that are in effect:*

**Political signs.** Signs concerning the election of candidates for public office or public questions are permitted in RS-1, RS-2, RD-1, RD-2 and B-1 zoning districts under the following conditions:

- No political sign shall be placed on any public property, building, right-of-way or easement, at any time.
- Signs may not be erected or displayed more than 90 days prior to the actual primary or general election at which the candidacy or issue being advertised is decided and all such signs shall be removed within seven days after the aforementioned election.
- No more than one sign for each candidate or issue is permitted on any developed or undeveloped property under single ownership or tenancy.
- In the RS-1, RS-2, RD-1 and RD-2 districts, signs may be displayed outdoors, provided each sign shall not exceed 18 inches by 24 inches in size.
- Such signs may not be closer than ten feet from any lot line. If such sign is placed in a window on improved property, it shall be in lieu of the outdoor sign as described above. In the B-1 district, outdoor signs are prohibited, but signs not exceeding 18 inches by 24 inches may be displayed in a window or glass door provided, however, that the total area of all signs displayed, whether political or otherwise, does not exceed 25 percent of the glass area of such window or door.



### Grass Cutting Removal

All grass cuttings and hedge trimmings, must be placed in plastic bags and securely tied before setting them out at curbside for collection. All grass cuttings must be completely removed and cleaned from all paved areas, and shall not be blown or swept into streets, sidewalks or gutters. **The use of blowers is prohibited.**



Residents are reminded that all tree cuttings must be removed by the person, landscaper or contractor providing the service. The Town is not responsible for removal of this material.





# Town of Surfside

## Beach 5K Run / Walk

### Sunday, February 17th, 2008



Join Surfside with its 2nd annual Beach 5K Run.  
The Run/Walk will take place on the beach hard pack and beach walkway.

Packet Pick up will be on Saturday, February 16 from 3:00pm—5:00pm  
at the Surfside Community Center (9301 Collins Ave)



Race Day registration and Packet pick up will be from 6:30am—7:30am  
( No packet pick up after 7:30 am on Race Day )  
Race Start time is 8:00am



Start will be behind the Best Western Hotel (on the beach hard pack)  
94th Street Collins Ave, Surfside Florida 33154

#### Directions:

Take I-95 exit 125th street and go east over the Broad Causeway to Harding Ave and make a right going south  
on Harding head towards 93rd street and look for parking lot.

#### Course:

The course will start on the beach hard pack at 94th St and run south to 87th terr and turn back north for a  
second loop and finish at the beach hard pack at 95th St. The course will be on the hard pack sand and  
gravel road way and beach walk. The race will start and finish on the beach hardpack in Surfside.

#### Online Registration Entry Fees:

Online: \$20.00

Race Day on site: \$25.00

Registrations online at [www.multirace.com](http://www.multirace.com)



#### Awards:

Top 3 Overall Male and Female

Top Masters M/F 40+

Age Groups Male and Female 1st - 3rd - 14 and under (All 14 and under finishers will receive an award),  
15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70+



The first 150 Registrations will receive a race T-Shirt. All participants will receive a goody bag.

#### Post Race:

Light food and refreshments will be served post race along with awards.

For more information contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635  
or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)





# Holiday Extravaganza "Snow on the Beach"





## Town of Surfside Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with the Police Department

The Parks and Recreation Department and Police Department are proud to announce the annual Family Fun and Drug Awareness Day. Come out and join us at the Community Center with your family for a day filled with Fun, Food, and Entertainment. All Residents should come prepared to show either a Surfside ID or a picture ID with your Surfside Address.



**Sunday, January 13, 2008**  
**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Located at:**  
**Community Center**  
**9301 Collins Ave**

For more information contact The Town of Surfside Community Center at 305-866-3635 or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)



## The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department Movie Under The Stars Presents ....



### "The Sandlot"

The story takes place during the summer of 1962, when a new boy in town joins a baseball team and tries desperately to fit in with the others.

**Rated: PG**



**Located at:**  
96th Street Park  
9572 Bay Dr.

**Saturday, January 26, 2008**

Doors open at 7:00 pm;  
Movie will start promptly at 7:30 pm

Guests are welcome to bring Blankets and Lawn Chairs.  
Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Movie is free of charge for: Surfside residents and their guests.  
Proof of residency is required. Guest must be Accompanied by a Town Resident for admission. Hotel guests are also welcome free of charge, but must present Hotel Identification.

For more information contact the Community Center at 305-866-3635 or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

## The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

### Senior Performing Arts Trip "Altar Boyz"

Winner Best Off-Broadway Musical 2005 "Hilarious! This sweet and sassy, witty and completely unpretentious show sends everybody! There's not a soul in the theatre that isn't captured. Finally, a show to unite the country!" - Journal News

**Wednesday, January 23, 2008**  
At the Actor's Playhouse in Coral Gables

Buses leave promptly at Noon from the Community Center Buses will return approximately at 6:00pm

**Cost:** \$15 Residents  
\$ 30 Non-Residents

(Transportation included. Proper dress attire required.)

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Last Day to register will be Friday, January 18th. Registration will be held at the Town of Surfside Community Center Sunday thru Saturday from 9:00 am—4:45 pm. Proof of Residency is required at the time of registration. For more information contact the Community Center at 305-866-3635 or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

## THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER

10200 Biscayne Blvd.



Hours of Operation: Call (305) 795-2241, or check [www.miamishoresvillage.com](http://www.miamishoresvillage.com).

Bus Service Schedule Available: [www.townofsurlsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurlsidefl.gov)

Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card.

The Aquatic Center will be CLOSED on Jan. 1 & 21, 2008.



## SURFSIDE BEACH CLUB

(January)

### Rental Hours & Fees

Sunday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fees: Lounge Chairs

Residents \$3.00 for 3 hours or less; \$4.00 Full day

Non-resident \$6.00 for 3 hours or less; \$9.00 Full day

Umbrellas

Residents \$2.00 for 3 hours or less; \$3.00 Full day

Non-residents \$4.00 for 3 hours or less; \$7.00 Full day



**For Surfside Residents only:** The 1st chair & umbrella rental is *free* for the day, per group/family. The fees listed above will apply for additional chair and umbrella rentals.

## Parks & Recreation Department

### Please note:

The Surfside Parks & Recreation Department current programming is subject to change, depending on the proposed building deconstruction timeline.

Every effort will be made to maintain the continuity of programming, although the relocation of classes to alternative facilities may be necessary, depending upon program requirements.



### Senior Program Every Wednesday, in the Lanai Room 10:00 a.m. - Noon



**\*Beginning Wed., Jan. 9 - May 28**, the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a morning of activities for Seniors at the Community Center. Come join and play dominoes, cards, board games, mahjong, and more!

Activities are Free. Coffee and Light Refreshments will be served

### Senior Bingo

Residents \$5 / Non-Resident \$10 (per person = 9 classes)

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite seniors to come and enjoy a friendly game of Bingo every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The game will be held at the Community Center from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Prizes will consist of gift certificates, gift sets, and much more. For further information contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635.

Thursday

January 17 - May 15

4:00 - 6:00 pm





# January Programs

## Surfside Community Center Adult Classes and Programs

### Yogalates:

**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels.

Thursday January 10 - February 28 7:00 - 8:00 pm



### Yoga:

**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefit your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.

Monday December 10 - February 11 7:00 - 8:00 pm



### Pilates:

**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) and helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility.

Tuesday January 8 - February 26 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday January 9 - February 27 7:00 - 8:00 pm



### Zumba:

**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

ZUMBA combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations that make it easy for dancers and non-dancers alike to have fun while getting fit. Zumba uses a fusion of Latin and international dance themes (from the Colombian Cumbia to Merengue, Salsa, and Calypso) creating a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system. The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. Classes will take place at the Community Center (9301 Collins Ave). No Class Dec. 24, 27, 31 and Jan. 3.

Monday November 19 - January 21 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday December 6 - February 7 7:00 - 8:00 pm



## Youth Classes and Programs

### Ballet Program: Ages: 6 - 10

**Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Children will learn 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th position. Basic Port De Bras (Carriage of the arms), skipping backwards and forwards, basic center floor and work on the ballet barre. A strong emphasis will be on posture and poise, under the instruction of Jessica Wolland. Classes will be held at the Community Center (9301 Collins Ave). No Class February 18.

Monday January 7 - March 3 5:00 - 5:45 pm



### Pre-School Ballet: Ages: 3 - 5

**Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

The Pre-School Ballet class will cover the fundamentals of ballet movements. Children will learn passé plie, skipping, first and second positions, dancing across the floor, walking on tip toes along with proper posture and grace, under the instruction of Jessica Wolland. Classes will be held at the Community Center (9301 Collins Ave).

Space is Limited. No Class February 18.

Friday January 11 - February 29 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Monday January 7 - March 3 4:00 - 4:45 pm



**Gymnastics:****Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics.

Wednesday	January 9 - February 27	Ages: 3 - 5	4:00 - 4:55 pm
		Ages: 6 - 10	5:00 - 5:55 pm
Thursday	January 10 - February 28	Ages: 3 - 5	4:00 - 4:55 pm
		Ages: 6 - 10	5:00 - 5:55 pm

**Acrobatics and Tumbling:****Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Boys and girls are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Wednesday	January 9 - February 27	Ages: 8 - 15	6:00 - 6:55 pm
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**Hip Hop Jazz Dance:****Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

This dance class is designed to incorporate jazz technique as well as hip hop moves to today's pop music. This class will also improve your child's flexibility as well as coordination.

Thursday	January 10 - February 28	Ages: 6 - 9	6:00 - 6:55 pm
		Ages: 10 - 16	7:00 - 7:55 pm

**Arts and Crafts:****Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$60 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Join the fun with this instructional Arts & Crafts program for kids. Children will create projects with paper, fabric, and other age appropriate media. Classes are taught by certified teachers.

Saturday	January 12 - March 1	10:00 - 11:00 am
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**Youth Instructional Soccer Program: (10 weeks = 20 classes)**

Participants will learn the fundamentals of soccer to include dribbling, passing, shooting, ball control, soccer game rules, scrimmage games, and many other skills. Head Coach will be Gabriel Alves from Cyclone Soccer Inc. Balls will be provided at each practice. **Note: Program will be held at 96th Street Park.**

**Fees:**

Returning kids	Residents	\$75 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of Soccer Socks
	Non-Residents	\$110 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of Soccer Socks
New Registration	Residents	\$85 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of shorts + shinguards + 1 pair of Soccer Socks
	Non-Residents	\$115 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of shorts + shinguards + 1 pair of Soccer Socks



Monday & Wednesday January 14 - March 19

Ages: 4 - 6 Coed	Times: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Ages: 9 - 11 Boys	Times: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays January 15 - March 20

Ages: 4 - 6 Coed	Times: 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Ages: 6 - 9 Coed	Times: 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Ages: 9 - 12 Girls	Times: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Ages: 9 - 11 Boys	Times: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Ages: 12 - 13 Boys	Times: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Kidokinetics "Tot" Program****Resident \$64 / Non-Resident \$80 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

This class is a high energy, active class for your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. This class will help your child develop coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non-competitive environment. Every week your child will learn about a different sport. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf and much more. Don't miss the FUN! Free T-Shirt with 1st time enrollment. **Note: Registration in Progress.** Classes will be held in the Community Center Auditorium. No class January 21.

Monday	January 7 - March 3	Ages: 2 - 4	9:15 - 10:00 am
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**Surfs Up: Ages: 5 – 15**

Live the thrill of riding a wave! Come join our surf lessons taught by Florida Surf Lessons certified instructors. This program will enhance your child's relationship with the ocean. Boys and girls will be taught the basics of surfing, paddling and catching a wave, standing up, and most importantly safety. All participants must know how to swim. Lessons will be held at 9301 Collins Ave on the Beach. Surf boards will be provided.



Surfs Up program will resume in the spring (Dates and Times are TBA).

**Chess Program:**

**Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$65 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

This program is for children that want to learn how to play chess or for children who are familiar with the game and want to improve on their abilities in a fun learning environment. **Note: Registration in Progress.**



Saturday

Jan. 12 - Mar. 1

Beginner

Noon - 1:00 pm

Advanced

1:00 - 3:00 pm

**JANUARY GAME ROOM HOURS:**

CLOSED DEC. 24 - JAN. 2

Monday - Friday

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Surfside Tennis Center****"Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis"**

Monday

Adult

8:00 am - 10:30 pm.

Friday - Sunday

Adult

8:00 am - 10:30 pm

Fee: \$9 per person for residents, • \$10 non-resident per person



Wednesday

**"Sign Up Doubles"**

Adult / Juniors

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Reservations Required

Fee: \$6 per person for residents / \$8 non-residents per person. Reservations Required

**Miami-Dade Adult Education Classes**

January 7, 2008 - April 24, 2008 Schedule • Location: Surfside Community Center

Please note that the schedule is subject to change,  
pending the proposed building deconstruction timeline.

**Yoga**

Tuesday

10:00 - 11:30 am

Ages: Adults

Noon - 1:30 pm

Ages: 55 +

Thursday

10:00 - 11:30 am

Ages: Adults

Noon - 1:30 pm

Ages: 55 +

**Drawing & Painting**

Beginners

Thursday

10:00 - Noon

Ages: 55 +

Intermediate

Thursday

12:30 - 2:30 pm

Ages: 55 +

**Current Events**

Monday

10:00 - Noon

Ages: Adult

Call 305-866-3635 for scheduling information. Call 305-531-0451 for fees.



# HOW MUCH FORCE IS TOO MUCH FORCE?

Why are the bad guys better armed than the good guys? Is higher education for police necessary? Could you shoot a 14 year old pointing a gun at you? Does racial profiling combat terrorism?



These are just some of the issues raised during the **SURFSIDE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**. As a recent graduate, I can say first hand, this 10 week course will make you think, will make you laugh (a lot!), and will let you experience defensive driving tactics at a whole new level!

The Surfside Police Crime Prevention/Training Coordinator, Tom Lederman, the department's Officers, Special Projects Coordinator, Wanda Flores and the many guest speakers from local law enforcement agencies conducted a course that helps citizens understand police duties, what

kind of training is required, what skill level is demanded, and what life and death decisions they may be faced with. These men and women are passionate about what they do for a living. They will impress you with their knowledge and their dedication to eradicating dangerous criminals from the streets.

**A new, course is scheduled to begin soon. It is worth signing up for.**

The course features field trips to the police driving range and firearms range. Participants will

get the chance for hands-on experience. However, you can also tell that the course is great because after a hard day at work, not only did the participants put in class time, they hung around afterwards still talking about the evenings' subject matter or their field trip experience!

For more details, please contact Surfside PD Special Projects Coordinator, Wanda Flores (305) 861-4862.

By the way, not all Crime Scene Investigators wear high heels!

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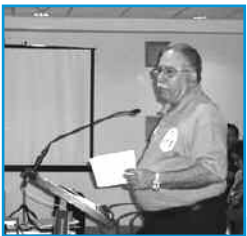
## Town Commission recognizes 2nd Graduating Class of the Surfside Citizens Police Academy

Back Row - (L-R): **Ivan Borrisov**, Surfside Police Crime Prevention./Training Coordinator **Tom Lederman**, **Gary Roodman**, Surfside Special Projects Coordinator **Jody Roodman**, **Harry Munoz**, Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator **Wanda Flores**, Mayor **Charles Burkett**, **Carmen Almirall**, **Jose Almirall**, Commissioner **Marc Imberman**, **Anthony Blate**, Surfside Police Chief **Dave Allen**. Front Row - (L-R): **Elaine Killeen**, **Carolina Massarelli**, and **Marisol Rodriguez**. Missing from photo: **Bill Bowen**, **Esmeralda Hidalgo**, **Brenda Espinosa**, **Dina Goldstein**, **Gaspar Lopez** and **Ruben Maseda**.



## How Much Force is Too Much...

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(L-R): Officer Polanco's wife **Ashley** & their son **Joshua**, **Officer Joaquim Polanco**, **Mayor Charles Burkett**, **Police Chief Dave Allen**

## Officer Of The Month: Joaquim Polanco

At the Commission meeting held on Dec. 11th, Joaquim Polanco was recognized as Surfside's Police Officer of the Month.

On November 15, 2007 Officer Polanco was dispatched to a bank robbery at Bank United on Harding Avenue. While enroute to the location a description of the suspect was given over the radio. Officer Polanco observed an individual matching the

description, walking northbound, carrying a paper bag.

Officer Polanco apprehended the suspect without incident. After the suspect was taken into custody, an inventory of his property revealed a bag with an undetermined amount of US currency.

Congratulations to Officer Polanco for his keen observational skills, quick response and his successful efforts in bringing another criminal to justice.



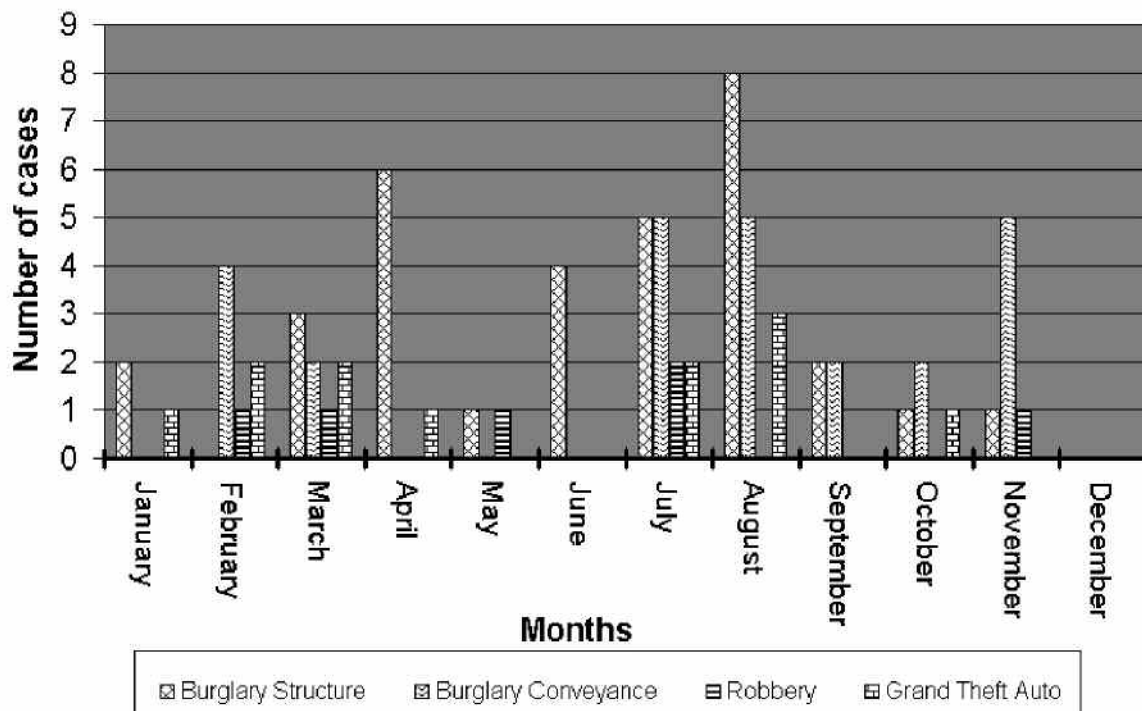
(L-R): Previous Town Manager, **W.D. Higginbotham**, **Fraternal Order of Police Staff Representative John E. Puleo**, and **Surfside Police Department Union Representative, Officer Patrick McKenna**.

## Surfside Reaches An Agreement With The Police Union

The Town of Surfside is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with the membership of the Surfside Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). The official signing ceremony was held on Thursday, December 13, 2007, in the 2nd floor Commission Chambers of Town Hall.

This is a proud moment for the Town and the outstanding professional officers who comprise the Surfside Police Department. The agreement enables the Police Department to remain competitive in the market place in order to attract the highest caliber of law enforcement personnel.

### 2007 Burglary/ Robbery / Auto theft comparison



## POLICE BIKE TRAINING

Surfside Police Crime Prevention/Training Coordinator, Tom Lederman, recently conducted an intensive bicycle training session for department personnel. As part of its commitment to the principles and practices of community policing, the Surfside police bicycle officers are a highly visible presence in the neighborhood, and yet seem much more approachable when they are riding around the streets. Children especially can relate to an officer riding on a bike, "just like they do". The bicycle patrols can respond quickly to situations, and silently, when stealth may be required. So Surfside residents be on the lookout for the bike patrol. Give them a wave or a thumbs up!



(L-R) Ofc. **Giranny Fernandez**, Surfside PD Crime Prevention/Training Coordinator **Tom Lederman**, Ofc. **Joe Schaefer**, and Ofc. **Joaquin Polanco**.

## SURFSIDE POLICE CRIME STATISTICS Monthly Activity by Classification

CLASSIFICATION.....	OCT	NOV	+/-
HOMICIDE .....	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY .....	0	0	0
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS.....	1	0	-1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY.....	0	0	0
BURGLARY STRUCTURE.....	2	1	-1
BURGLARY CONVEYANCE.....	1	5	4
GRAND THEFT .....	5	1	-4
FRAUD .....	1	2	1
ROBBERY .....	0	1	1
GRAND THEFT AUTO .....	1	0	-1
<b>TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES .....</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-1</b>
BATTERY SIMPLE.....	1	0	-1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.....	1	1	0
THEFT UNDER.....	3	2	-1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.....	0	0	0
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE.....	0	3	3
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
TRAFFIC CITATIONS .....	728	651	-77
ARRESTS.....	42	39	-3
PARKING CITATIONS.....	653	668	15



## January 2008 Calendar

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JAN. 8, AT 7:00 PM  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JAN. 22, AT 7:00 PM

Education Committee.....Meeting date is Wed., Jan. 9, at 8:00 pm  
Green Committee.....First Wednesday of the Month, at 6:30 pm (01/02/08)  
Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 pm (01/17/08)  
Planning & Zoning Board .....Last Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 pm (01/31/08)  
Tourist Bureau..... First Monday of the Month, at 6:00 pm (01/07/08)

Family Fun Day.....Jan. 13  
Movie Night in the Park.....Jan. 26

Martin Luther King Day – Mon., Jan. 21

Town Hall and the Surfside Library will be CLOSED.  
Regularly scheduled Recreation Dept. classes will be held.  
The Tennis Center will be OPEN.

### UPCOMING

Valentine's Day.....Feb. 14  
Winter 5K Run.....Feb. 17

Music on the Beach.....Mar. 2  
Storybook Festival.....Mar. 8  
Spring Egg Hunt.....Mar. 16  
2nd Annual Art & Craft Festival.....Mar. 29 & 30

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the Website [www.townof-surfsidefl.gov](http://www.townof-surfsidefl.gov) or tune in to Cable Channel 77.

#### Town Commission

Charles W. Burkett	Mayor
Howard S. Weinberg	Vice Mayor
Marc Imberman	Commissioner
Steven Levine	Commissioner
Mark Blumstein	Commissioner

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#### Town Officials

Pamela Brangaccio	Interim Town Mgr.
Beatris Arguelles	Town Clerk
Weiss, Serota et al.	Town Attorney
David E. Allen	Police Chief

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#### Business Numbers

Town Hall	(305) 861-4863
Community Center	(305) 866-3635
Tennis Courts	(305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Library	(305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department	(305) 861-4862

#### Emergency Only

Fire/Police	(305) 861-1115
All Other:	(305) 861-4862

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